

PORT AND SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD**

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A regular meeting was held on **October 15, 2012** at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: John Katers, Chair  
Mark Vanden Busch  
Lisa Bauer-Lotto  
John Kennedy  
Mike Van Lanen  
Norb Dantine  
Dave Landwehr  
Bud Harris  
Ray Kopish

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&SW  
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&SW  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&SW  
Geoff Farr, Village of Howard

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the agenda was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Ray Kopish. Unanimously approved.**

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2012

**A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ray Kopish and seconded by John Kennedy. Unanimously approved.**

5. Introduction Solid Waste Board Member, Dave Landwehr -

Mr. Landwehr introduced himself to the board.

6. BOW Strategic Solid Waste Management Plan – Request For Approval

The Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department is proposing to undertake a strategic planning process with Outagamie and Winnebago (BOW) Counties to form a strategy for the future of BOW including a common vision, opportunities and goals. Outagamie and Winnebago Counties are prepared to get on board. Andy Nikoderm, Golder Associates, is willing to put this plan together for \$5,000 per county. The effort will include stakeholder meetings in all three counties, similar to what Brown County did as part of its strategic planning process. There will be three different stakeholder meetings: 1) staff; 2) internal and external, which will include customers; 3) service providers, elected officials, and others. The intent is to have the Strategic Plan done sometime next spring so it is in place for the next budget cycle. Winnebago County is going to do the contract management with Golder Associates.

**A motion to approve starting a BOW Strategic Solid Waste Management Plan was made by John Kennedy and seconded by Ray Kopish.** Unanimously approved with Lisa Bauer-Lotto abstaining.

7. Solid Waste Management Services Contracts and Agreement – Update

In September, the County Board approved Brown County's Solid Waste Agreement that will be used with our municipalities. Those agreements were mailed out to the municipalities and a few have already been signed and returned.

8. Recycling Program – Update

a. Recycling Markets

Last year was a boom market for the sale value of recyclables while this year the trend shows that the recyclable markets are down. However, the Recycling Transfer Station is seeing an increase in the volume of recyclables coming through the BOW.

b. Increased tonnage due to OneSource closure

OneSource who ran a privately owned MRF in Hobart has gone bankrupt. Because of OneSource closing their doors the department has seen a significant increase in recyclables both here and in Winnebago and Outagamie Counties. There are about 25 more tons a day coming through the Brown County Recycling Transfer Station, which roughly equals an extra 2 outgoing semi loads per day. OneSource was processing 10,000 to 12,000 tons of recyclables a year much of which is now coming through the BOW system. Staff from the three counties are working to get the additional material under contract. There is a lot more interest in Commercial Recycling Contracts with the closing of OneSource. Staff needs to evaluate both Brown County's and the BOW's recyclable storage capacity. The evaluation will look at a variety of options.

c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift at BOW

Since the increase of tonnage from OneSource closing the doors, Outagamie has added a part-time 2<sup>nd</sup> shift to sort recyclables.

9. Household Hazardous Waste Program – Update

a. Awareness week

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Awareness week was October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. During this event the Department paid for radio ads for two weeks through six Cumulus Broadcasting radio stations. There was a fairly good response to that. The number of people coming through HHW doubled with being open one extra day along with the normal hours.

b. Current collection numbers

The Department sent out a press release stating that the Brown County Household Hazardous Waste Facility has collected 10,000,000 pounds of hazardous waste since its opening in 1996. Jefferson County also put out a release that they have collected 2,000,000 pounds and have been around twice as long as Brown County HHW has. As far as HHWs annual collection totals, the numbers show we are down 25%. One big factor is because HHW started charging for latex paint. About two out of four cars that come to HHW have latex paint. Of these, about ½ choose to pay the fee and the other will leave and find a different way to dispose of the latex paint.

c. Habitat ReStore Paint recycling agreement

HHW sends a semi load of latex paint across the state to Amazon Paint Recyclers in Minneapolis. It costs the Department roughly \$5,000 a load to ship and recycle this paint. HHW is in the process of piloting a recycling program with Habitat ReStore. The Appleton ReStore is a pilot site where they will take HHW's good paint (roughly twenty gallons out of 100) that comes in to filter and blend the paint for new use. If HHW can lower its cost by working with ReStore, the cost could potentially drop for latex paint.

10. Director's Report

The Department has initiated the process of analyzing the department table of organization. The outcome may involve restructuring the department table of organization, positions and even Department name.

The Leachate Recirculation Project will be shut down the first week of November. The Port & Solid Waste Department has WDNR approval for next year to restart the Leachate Recirculation Project again as early as possible in spring.

The Department has been exploring properties close to the Brown County Transfer Station for additional services that it may be able to offer in the future.

11. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

12. Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Van Lanen. Unanimously approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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John Katers, Chair  
Solid Waste Board

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Dean Haen, Director  
Port & Solid Waste Department